Program-Level Assessment: Annual Report

Program: **B.Ed., Undergraduate Teacher Education**   Department: **Educational Studies**

Degree or Certificate Level: **BA**   College/School: **School of Education**

Date (Month/Year): **September 2021**   Primary Assessment Contact: **Jessica A. Leonard; Jessica.leonard@slu.edu**

In what year was the data upon which this report is based collected? **Fall 2020, Spring 2021**

In what year was the program's assessment plan most recently reviewed/updated? **December 2020**

1. Student Learning Outcomes
Which of the program's student learning outcomes were assessed in this annual assessment cycle?

Student Learning Outcome #3 - Graduates will be able to analyze educational problems and present solutions for solving those problems.

Compass Theme:
Sense of Inquiry

2. Assessment Methods: Artifacts of Student Learning
Which artifacts of student learning were used to determine if students achieved the outcome(s)? Please identify the course(s) in which these artifacts were collected. Clarify if any such courses were offered a) online, b) at the Madrid campus, or c) at any other off-campus location.

Direct Assessment:

Professional Portfolio Rubrics for Missouri Educator Evaluation System Standards 1, 4

Indirect Assessment:

EDI 4940 Portfolio III Focus Group

Introduced:
EDR 3891 Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Research
Developed:
EDI 3940 Portfolio II
Reinforced:
EDI 4420 Assessing Classroom Performance

or

EDI 4440 Early Childhood Assessment

or

EDSP 4240 Classroom Organization and Management (Early Childhood, ECSE, Elementary, Special Education)

or

EDSP 4250 Classroom Organization and Management (Middle, Secondary, and Special Education)
Achieved:

EDR 4970 Action Research for Educators
and
Student Teaching (EDI 4810 or EDI 4820 or EDI 4830 or EDI 4840 or EDSP 4380 or EDSP 4850)
and
EDI 4940 Portfolio III

3. Assessment Methods: Evaluation Process

What process was used to evaluate the artifacts of student learning, and by whom? Please identify the tools(s) (e.g., a rubric) used in the process and include them in/with this report.

The survey was analyzed by averaging the scores. Verbal responses to interview prompts were analyzed using a qualitative content analysis method. The purpose was to identify themes and categorize them in related areas (e.g. course work, field work, etc.). The analyses of the focus group data included the program director and staff from the field office. The results of these analyses were brought to the January, 2021, undergraduate faculty meeting in the School of Education and shared. During this meeting we discussed the findings and brainstormed solutions. The conversation about what to do with this information included the entire undergraduate faculty. The conversation led to a discussion about realigning the program portfolio with the student teaching performance assessment (Missouri Educator Evaluation System, MEES). This follow-up work was completed by a smaller group of faculty members.

The university supervisor and cooperating educator work collaboratively through the student teaching semester to monitor the progress of the student's level of performance for each MEES indicator. At the conclusion of the student teaching semester, the artifacts which include the formative questionnaire are completed from the cooperating teacher and the university supervisor.

For the summative assessment regarding each MEES standard the cooperating teacher, student and university supervisor discuss progress toward the level of meeting performance.

MEES rubric

Survey Questions

Focus Group 2020

Focus Group Question and Answers Sp 21

4. Data/Results

What were the results of the assessment of the learning outcome(s)? Please be specific. Does achievement differ by teaching modality (e.g., online vs. face-to-face) or on-ground location (e.g., STL campus, Madrid campus, other off-campus site)?

Focus Group Fall 2020 n=9
Standard 1
Mees Numbers n = 9
1n = 0
2n = 0
3n = 3
4n=6
Standard 4
Mees Numbers n = 9
1n=0
2n=0
3n=4
4n=5
Focus Group Spring 2021 n=18
Standard 1
1n = 0
2n = 0

3n = 8
4n=10

Standard 4
Mees Numbers n = 18
1n=0
2n=0
3n=9
4n=9

Fall 2020/Spring 2021 Focus Group
The focus group took place in Fitzgerald Hall conducted by a former Ed.D student. The focus group questions, survey and answers are located in question 3.

5. Findings: Interpretations & Conclusions

What have you learned from these results? What does the data tell you?

The lowest of the group was elementary with the mean of 3.2 in standard 1 and 4. This is due to the lack of 4's within this particular group. Looking at these particular standards, they were not the highest of our nine standards and not the lowest. Standard 2 in Fall 2020 was the highest and Standard 7 in Fall 2020 was the lowest.
Standard 8 was the highest in Spring 2021 and Standard 2 and Standard 7 were the lowest. These standards are assessment and data analysis(Standard 7) Standard 2 is growth and development.
Considering the challenges of COVID, our students did well throughout the program.

6. Closing the Loop: Dissemination and Use of <u>Current</u> Assessment Findings

A. When and how did your program faculty share and discuss these results and findings from this cycle of assessment?

A focus group consisted of a former Ed.D. student asking questions to the graduating seniors who completed their student teaching semester. Once the focus group was completed, the former Ed.D.student shared the results with the program director. The program director shared the results with the undergraduate faculty at a monthly meeting.

Assessment is reviewed annually during department meetings (two meetings per academic year) with action items determined, responsibility assigned for follow-up

The field office director presents the data and faculties a discussion regarding the strengths and learning gaps in the data. This provided faculty an opportunity to review curricular and pedagogy changes that may increase student learning.

Minutes are kept from meetings for follow-up and documentation for external audiences.

B. How specifically have you decided to use these findings to improve teaching and learning in your program? For example, perhaps you've initiated one or more of the following:

Changes to the Curriculum or Pedagogies
- Course content
- Teaching techniques
- Improvements in technology
- Prerequisites
- Course sequence
- New courses
- Deletion of courses
- Changes in frequency or scheduling of course offerings

Changes to the Assessment Plan
- Student learning outcomes
- Artifacts of student learning
- Evaluation process
- Evaluation tools (e.g., rubrics)
- Data collection methods
- Frequency of data collection

Please describe the actions you are taking as a result of these findings.

This data is helping to inform the decision regarding student teaching, portfolio development, course content, and teaching techniques as we redesign our undergraduate program. The portfolio course has changed due to the fact we want our students to take ownership in their learning outcomes.

As a full faculty, we recognize we can improve our whole program by conducting a deeper analysis of the MEES data. From this data, we have created an entirely new redesigned curriculum.

The Bachelor of Arts in Education program at Saint Louis University aims to develop reflective individuals educated in the liberal tradition and committed to service, inquiry, and value centered learning. It also seeks to prepare students who want to obtain a sound education background and develop leadership qualities including risk-taking, civic responsibility, and ethical character. An education degree is a valuable asset for a number of careers related to education and schooling. The main objective of all of SLU's education programs is to prepare dedicated, reflective scholar practitioners who exhibit the knowledge, skills, and dispositions embedded in the conceptual framework of the school. As reflective scholar-practitioners, the shared values that guide the School of Education include social justice, Cura Personalis (care for the whole person), excellence, integrity and trust, and respect. Students are prepared to be reflective educators who can implement educational programs consistent with their areas of expertise. The School of Education provides a well-rounded liberal arts background to enhance students' educational experience. Students enter a tight-knit community of faculty and peers committed to innovative learning, diversity, and the intellectual ideas of the Jesuit tradition. Students are prepared to practice "Cura Personalis" — care for the whole person — and work for social justice in their communities. Students will graduate prepared to collaborate with families, build classroom communities, have high expectations for all students, and advocate for social change.

Theoretical and Conceptual Framework

- The re-visioned Bachelor of Arts in Education program aims to develop reflective individuals educated in the liberal tradition and committed to service, inquiry, and value-centered learning.
- It also seeks to prepare students who want to obtain a sound educational background and develop leadership qualities including risk-taking, civic responsibility, and ethical character.

The School of Education's vision, mission, and values, along with Ignatian Pedagogy and Bronfenbrenner's Ecological System Theory (1979), provide the foundation and conceptual frame for the program's redesign.

From those foundational perspectives, the faculty developed the five Compass Themes as central learning outcomes. These five key learning outcomes are the driving force of the curriculum. Compass Themes were informed by listening sessions with stakeholders. Knowledge and skills students will gain are outlined for each Compass Theme.

The redesigned program is intentionally designed to develop a sense of the 5 compass themes:

identity,
purpose,
context,
inquiry,
and praxis

Sense of Identity-*critical self-awareness of who they are and* develop a critical understanding of each learner's identities

Sense of Purpose- motivates, clarifies direction, guides action towards reaching goals, and lends meaning to all of their actions in service to others. Sense of Purpose is grounded in Jesuit values and evolves through openness to continuous learning.

Sense of Context- to critically examine varied systems and settings in which teaching and learning take place.

Sense of Inquiry- recognizes teaching as a collaborative and continuous inquiry experience. Reflective scholar-practitioners will engage in independent and collaborative inquiry through critical questioning and thinking (driven by curiosity and wonderings)

Sense of Praxis- begins with an unwavering belief that each individual can learn, grow, and develop their unique identity and purpose to contribute as citizens of the world. Teacher candidates develop a rich understanding of the foundational theory of the subject matter they will teach. Experiences intentionally reflect an understanding of how learners grow, develop, and think, with the highest respect for individual and cultural differences in the design of engaging learning environments.

Next are our Program Hallmarks:
- Provides a program unique to Saint Louis University that is grounded in Jesuit and Catholic values,
- Offers a unified undergraduate teacher education program with all concentration areas integrated into one program,
- Focuses on equity guided by inquiry for the purpose of advocacy,
- Embeds early and often field experiences supporting student discernment and preparation for application,
- Integrates Teacher Learning Communities (TLCs) throughout the program, and
- Engages students in a yearlong internship/student teaching experience for all certification areas.

If no changes are being made, please explain why.

7. **Closing the Loop: Review of <u>Previous</u> Assessment Findings and Changes**
   A. What is at least one change your program has implemented in recent years as a result of assessment data?

   Our analysis informed meaningful change by providing insight into how faculty could better serve our preservice students in preparing them for fieldwork, including student teaching. We used the analyzed data to align the program portfolio process (Portfolio I, II, and III) with the state performance instrument, MEES. Currently, student work on performance tasks are aligned with the MEES instrument. In addition, undergraduate teacher education program faculty members are reviewing program portfolios in teams to provide rich meaningful feedback to students to prepare them for fieldwork, including student teaching. As a result of faculty reflection, we identify successful student achievement of outcomes and associated strengths of curriculum and pedagogy.

   B. How has this change/have these changes been assessed?

   Due to the change of assessing the portfolio, the teacher undergraduate program has experienced the student's ownership and pride in their development as a professional teacher.

   C. What were the findings of the assessment?

   We have a richer and more developed and meaningful collection of student portfolios. Students have indicated that this aided in the hiring process.

   D. How do you plan to (continue to) use this information moving forward?

We continue to have conversations about assessment. We do not have it down to a fine science, but are willing to put in the efforts for our students to become exceeding performance levels.

IMPORTANT: Please submit any assessment tools and/or revised/updated assessment plans along with this report.

MEES Teacher Candidate Assessment Rubric (TCAR)

Evaluator: _____

Teacher Candidate: _____ **Semester:** _____

Field Site: _____ **Grade Level:** _____ **Certification:** _____

Cooperating Teacher(s): _____

University Supervisor: _____

The **Teacher Candidate Assessment Rubric** is a specifically designed evaluation tool used to assess Teacher Candidates, both formatively and summatively, throughout the culminating semester. The nine focus standards were selected from the Missouri Teacher Standards to evaluate Teacher Candidates similarly to the principal evaluations of first-year teachers. A rubric and a fill-in chart have been provided for each of the nine standards with representative indicators for each standard. The rubric specifically highlights the transition from "knowing to doing" that occurs during the Clinical Experience. The first row of the rubric articulates performance occurring across a continuum based on a 0-4 scale: 0-Not Evident, 1-Emerging, 2-Developing, 3-Skilled, and 4-Exceeding, and is the same for each standard.

The overall purpose of the state-required rubric is to create a common language, expectations and understanding around the performance of the Teacher Candidate in the Clinical Experience. The overall purpose of the state optional tool (fill in the chart) is to document observed or evidenced teacher candidate performance and to provide specific, constructive feedback related to each standard. These formative evaluations provide opportunities for the Teacher Candidate to analyze their growth on a single standard over time. This promotes reflection, as well as conferencing and goal-setting with evaluators.

Teacher Candidates will be scored/assessed by both Cooperating Teacher (CT) and the University Supervisor (US). The scores of the CT and US are equally weighted and reported during the certification recommendation process

MEES Teacher Candidate Rubric Scoring Protocol
- ➔ For levels 0 – 3, a score earned on a majority of the strands will be the score assigned to that standard.
- ➔ For standards with an even number of strands, if the scores are split evenly between two adjacent levels, the lower score will be given.
- ➔ If neither of the first two rules applies, the mean of all strand scores should be calculated and used as the standard score. This score should be rounded down if the mean is *.5 or lower and rounded up if it is greater than *.5.
- ➔ Teacher candidates must demonstrate all of the skilled level (3) plus at least one of the exceeding descriptors to earn a 4.
- ➔ If a particular strand within a standard is not observable, score the standard based on the evidence available.
- ➔ All standards must be scored on the Summative Evaluation.
- ➔ If a Teacher Candidate has two cooperating teachers with time equally split between them, the scores for the standard will be averaged by the EPP (Educational Preparation Program. For other lengths of placements, please consult your EPP.
- ➔ Scores are reported as whole numbers only.
- ➔ Each EPP may require artifacts to support scoring.

Other Scoring and Documentation To-Dos and Tips
- ➔ In addition to CT and US observations, teacher candidates will provide artifacts to support growth and skilled performance.
- ➔ For each observation, use a different color pen, font or highlighter on the MEES rubric so that growth on a single standard can be easily viewed and analyzed over time.

Formative Implementation The TCAR is used by the Cooperating Teacher and University Supervisor during formative and summative evaluations. Formatively, the assessment tool provides a "snapshot" of the Teacher Candidate's abilities during an evaluation lesson. Evaluators should score based on the performance of the Teacher Candidate during the evaluation lesson only. Standards that are unobservable in every formative setting will be supported by required artifacts.

As data points are collected by the Cooperating Teacher and University Supervisor, Teacher Candidates will set goals for growth in deficient standards. Evaluators are required to complete a formative assessment at least once every three weeks for each Teacher Candidate, but each University may require more than the minimum number of visits and some Teacher Candidates may benefit from more than the minimum number of formative observations.

Suggested Steps of Observation:

Step 1: Obtain a formal written lesson plan from the Teacher Candidate (prefer a rough draft 48 hours prior). A sample format is provided in the shared Google folder.

Step 2: Pre-conference to discuss the lesson, consider any pertinent information that will support the lesson, reveal potential situations to problem-solve, determine 3 or 4 Standards that might be observed, and facilitate professional dialogue.

Step 3: Observe utilizing the TCAR (begin with the optional strengths and growth form if desired). Keep a log of color-coding/dates of lessons using the chart found on page 9.

Step 4: Reflective post-conference. Please try and arrange the post-conference within 24 hours of the lesson. Following the post-conference, schedule and discuss the next observation. Seek support from Joy Voss (joy.voss@slu.edu), Clinical Coordinator, if needed.

Midterm Implementation The University Supervisor, Cooperating Teacher, and Teacher Candidate should communicate and collaborate throughout the semester regarding the performance and improvement of the Teacher Candidate. However, at the midterm point, the team will document this collaboration through a joint form to be provided to and then discussed and submitted by the team.

Summative Implementation To provide summative scores used for certification recommendation, the Cooperating Teacher and University Supervisor will conference and consider the formative data points provided throughout the observations during the culminating semester. A holistic score for each standard will be assigned by both the Cooperating Teacher and University Supervisor (separately). This score will be a reflection of formative evaluation scores, the growth of the candidate, and the degree to which the candidate met the expectations detailed in the *Skilled Candidate* description by the end of the culminating experience. A Teacher Candidate's summative evaluation scores are used for certification recommendation by the educator preparation program.

Artifacts As some standards are non-observable or do not provide the opportunity to be consistently observed during a formative, "snapshot" lesson evaluation; artifacts will be required for scoring. Potential artifacts that relate to specific

standards or multiple standards are listed here for the convenience of the team. Like possible observable data, these sources are not a checklist or even a comprehensive list of evidence, but rather suggestions to be considered when assigning ratings. Required artifacts will be determined by each University. It is the responsibility of the Teacher Candidate to provide artifact(s) identified by their Ed Prep Program to support the scoring process

Potential Artifacts to Consider

interest inventory	journal	curriculum mapping	unit plan	lesson plan
essential learning outcomes	formative and summative assessment	adapted assessments	class assessment data (i.e. pre/post)	student assessment data
questioning samples	inquiries developed	student products	flexible grouping plan	interventions used/results
class management survival guide	rules and routines	behavior matrix	class system	behavior data
individual student behavior plan	written communication/ presentation	visual schedule/ directions/ anchor charts	parent conference/ conversation log w/ notes	professional development plan and/or log
technology tools/use	collaboration notes/agendas	welcome letter	student work samples	self-assessment and reflection

Observation and Scoring Record for:

Teacher Candidate:

Evaluator:

Observation Number	Date of Receiving Lesson Plan	Date of Pre Conference	Color/Tool	Date of Observation	Date of Post Conference

Additional Notes:

MEES Teacher Candidate Assessment Rubric

Standard 1

Standard 1: Content knowledge aligned with appropriate instruction. The teacher candidate understands the central concepts, structures, and tools of inquiry of the discipline(s) and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful and engaging for students.				
0-The teacher candidate does not possess the necessary knowledge, therefore, the standard is not evident or is incorrect in performance.	1-Emerging Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge, but does not demonstrate in performance.	2-Developing Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and demonstrates in performance with some success.	**3-Skilled Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and effectively demonstrates in performance.** *The expected level of performance by the end of the student teaching semester.*	4-Exceeding Candidate: The teacher candidate adapts and develops the lesson according to the teaching environment/ student response (all descriptors in the skilled candidate (3) column must be met **as well as** at least one descriptor below):
• Provides no opportunity for students to process content.	• Demonstrates awareness of strategies to allow students to process content.	• Provides students with limited opportunities to process content.	• Provides students with multiple opportunities to process the content.	• Identifies low engagement and responds with strategies to increase engagement. • Uses a variety of skillful questioning strategies to promote active participation and depth of student response.
• Shares incorrect information.	• Demonstrates an understanding of basic content.	• Conveys accurate information when teaching content.	• Conveys accurate content knowledge, relevant examples, and content-specific resources to engage students and support learning.	
• Provides no evidence of addressing needed vocabulary and/or terminology for student understanding of content.	• Plans to introduce vocabulary and terminology but does not use strategies to enhance student engagement and responses.	• Introduces vocabulary and terminology necessary to understand the content, but uses limited strategies to engage students	• Conveys vocabulary and terminology necessary to understand the content and uses evidence-based instructional strategies to engage students.	• Facilitates a lesson in which every student in the class appears engaged for the duration of the lesson. • Promotes students authentically using vocabulary and terminology relevant to the content.
• Provides no evidence of planning for student engagement.	• Plans for student engagement but no evidence of implementation.	• Inconsistently engages students in the content.	• Consistently engages the majority of students in the content.	

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Performance Assessment	Score	Feedback (i.e. what you see and hear; how it connects with standard as a strength; next steps for growth)
Formative 1 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Formative 2 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Formative 3 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Summative Date		

Standard 2

Standard 2: Student Learning, Growth, and Development. The teacher candidate understands how students learn, develop, and differ in their approaches to learning. The teacher candidate provides learning opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners and support the intellectual, social, and personal development of all students.				
0-The teacher candidate does not possess the necessary knowledge, therefore, the standard is not evident or is incorrect in performance.	1-Emerging Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge, but does not demonstrate in performance.	2-Developing Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and demonstrates in performance with some success.	**3-Skilled Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and effectively demonstrate in performance.** *The expected level of performance by the end of the student teaching semester.*	4-Exceeding Candidate: The teacher candidate adapts and develops the lesson according to the teaching environment/ student response (**all** descriptors in the skilled candidate (3) column must be met **as well as** at least one descriptor below):
• Provides no evidence of differentiating content, process, product, or environment or shows no awareness of student differences.	• Describes strategies to differentiate and adjusts instruction based on student differences.	• Varies activities and strategies within a lesson but does not intentionally consider individual student differences represented in the classroom.	• Implement lessons that intentionally vary one or more of the following in order to address student differences: content, process, product, or environment.	• Adjusts strategies at the moment based on individual student needs. • Uses individual student data or assessments to inform the selection and modification of strategies.
• Provides no evidence of understanding students' background knowledge and learning needs.	• Demonstrates understanding that some students may require differentiation based on cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs.	• Uses evidence-based strategies for differentiation, though choices in strategies are not matched to students' needs and interests.	• Applies knowledge of individual students' needs and interests by selecting a variety of evidence-based strategies, including any necessary accommodations or modifications.	• Goes beyond food, holidays, and customs to acknowledge and explore deeper cultural expectations (sociolinguistics) and communication strategies (pragmatics) in classroom instruction and interactions.
• Provides no evidence of understanding students' languages, family, culture, and community needs.	• Demonstrates an understanding of students' languages, family, culture, and community in planning.	• Affirms students' languages, family, culture, and community during learning opportunities.	• Integrates understanding of students' languages, family, culture, and community when selecting, creating, and facilitating learning opportunities.	

Standard 2: Student Learning, Growth, and Development. The teacher candidate understands how students learn, develop, and differ in their approaches to learning. The teacher candidate provides learning opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners and support the intellectual, social, and personal development of all students.

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Formative 1 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Formative 2 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Formative 3 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Summative Date		

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Standard 3

Standard 3: Curriculum Implementation. The teacher candidate recognizes the importance of long-range planning and curriculum development. The teacher candidate implements a curriculum based upon student, district and state standards.				
0-The teacher candidate does not possess the necessary knowledge, therefore, the standard is not evident or is incorrect in performance.	1-Emerging Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge, but does not demonstrate in performance.	2-Developing Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and demonstrates in performance with some success.	**3-Skilled Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and effectively demonstrate in performance.** *The expected level of performance by the end of the student teaching semester.*	4-Exceeding Candidate: The teacher candidate adapts and develops the lesson according to the teaching environment/ student response (**all** descriptors in the skilled candidate (3) column must be met **as well as** at least one descriptor below):
• Provides no evidence of learning activities with alignment to standards.	• Plans for learning activities that are appropriately aligned to standards.	• Implement learning activities aligned to standards.	• Implements learning activities aligned to chosen standards and incorporates embedded formative assessment.	• Delivers lessons and assessments that illustrate a high degree of understanding of the intended standards. • Connects cross-curricular subjects and/or considers scope and sequence when implementing lessons.
• Provides no evidence of posting or mentioning the learning objectives during the lesson.	• Posts the learning objectives but does not mention the objective during the lesson.	• States the learning objectives so that some students are able to articulate the objective of the lesson.	• Clearly conveys objectives in student-friendly language so that the majority of students are able to articulate the objective of the lesson.	• Connects learning objectives to real-world references to aid in student comprehension.

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Formative 1 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Formative 2 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Formative 3 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Summative Date		

Standard 4

Standard 4: Critical Thinking. The teacher candidate uses a variety of instructional strategies and resources to encourage students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and performance skills.				
0-The teacher candidate does not possess the necessary knowledge, therefore, the standard is not evident or is incorrect in performance.	1-Emerging Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge, but does not demonstrate in performance.	2-Developing Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and demonstrates in performance with some success.	**3-Skilled Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and effectively demonstrate in performance.** *The expected level of performance by the end of the student teaching semester.*	4-Exceeding Candidate: The teacher candidate adapts and develops the lesson according to the teaching environment/ student response (**all** descriptors in the skilled candidate (3) column must be met **as well as** at least one descriptor below):
• Demonstrates no awareness of the importance of students sharing ideas and generating possible solutions.	• Plans strategies to facilitate opportunities for students to share ideas and generate possible solutions.	• Uses strategies for some students to share ideas and generate possible solutions.	• Implements strategies in which most students convey their ideas or solutions through product or process.	• Facilitates student-centered lessons in which students discover for themselves the desired knowledge or skills, rather than relying on teacher-provided information.
• Provides no evidence of knowledge of the importance of student analysis and discussion of problems and possible solutions.	• Plans strategies for analyzing and discussing problems and possible solutions.	• Creates opportunities for some students to analyze and discuss problems and possible solutions.	• Facilitates opportunities in which most students analyze and discuss problems and possible solutions.	• Provides opportunities for students to demonstrate creativity, engage in creative problem-solving, and develop curiosity through hands-on experiences.
• Provides no evidence of using questions that promote critical thinking.	• Plans to use questions that promote critical thinking.	• Uses questioning techniques that promote students' critical thinking.	• Uses questioning techniques that result in most students providing answers reflecting critical thinking.	• Allows students to express their thoughts, feelings, insights, opinions, and attitudes (not just knowledge) through a variety of media.
• Provides no evidence of higher-order thinking.	• Plans for higher-order thinking.	• Uses strategies to incorporate higher-order thinking.	• Consistently uses evidence-based strategies to promote higher-order thinking.	• Provides opportunities for student thinking to delve into real-world topics, which address differing viewpoints, and allows students to respectfully justify their own opinion and solution to a problem.

Standard 4: Critical Thinking. The teacher candidate uses a variety of instructional strategies and resources to encourage students' critical thinking, problem-solving, and performance skills.

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Formative 1 Date		
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Formative 2 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Formative 3 Date		
Other Evidence Date		
Summative Date		

Standard 5

Standard 5: Positive Classroom Environment. The teacher candidate uses an understanding of individual/group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages active engagement in learning, positive social interaction, and self-motivation.				
0-The teacher candidate does not possess the necessary knowledge, therefore, the standard is not evident or is incorrect in performance.	1-Emerging Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge, but does not demonstrate in performance.	2-Developing Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and demonstrates in performance with some success.	**3-Skilled Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and effectively demonstrate in performance.** *The expected level of performance by the end of the student teaching semester.*	4-Exceeding Candidate: The teacher candidate adapts and develops the lesson according to the teaching environment/ student response (**all** descriptors in the skilled candidate (3) column must be met **as well as** at least one descriptor below):
• Provides no evidence of classroom expectations that would contribute to a safe learning environment.	• Plans to communicate expectations to maintain a safe learning environment.	• Communicates expectations to students in advance, though may not consistently maintain these expectations throughout the lesson.	• Implements developmentally appropriate expectations to maintain a respectful and safe learning environment.	• Involves all students in creating a safe learning environment that respects differences and individual preferences.

• Seeks feedback from students on his or her teaching, strategies, classroom, etc.

• Facilitates an environment that supports student self-monitoring to maximize instructional time and student learning.

• Effectively uses varied management or organizational strategies to motivate students and minimize interference with classroom instruction. |
| • Displays a lack of awareness of how to build appropriate relationships with students. | • Describes strategies for building appropriate relationships with students. | • Fosters positive social interactions in the classroom. | • Maintains positivity in formal and informal interactions, which encourages students to actively engage in learning. | |
| • Provides no evidence of strategies for monitoring student behavior and addressing disruptions. | • Explains strategies for monitoring student behavior and minimizing disruptions. | • Responds appropriately to classroom disruptions. | • Proactively uses varied classroom management strategies to minimize disruptions to the learning environment. | |

Standard 5: Positive Classroom Environment. The teacher candidate uses an understanding of individual/group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages active engagement in learning, positive social interaction, and self-motivation.

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Standard 6: Effective Communication. The teacher candidate models effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques with students, colleagues, and families to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the classroom.

0-The teacher candidate does not possess the necessary knowledge, therefore, the standard is not evident or is incorrect in performance.	1-Emerging Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge, but does not demonstrate in performance.	2-Developing Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and demonstrates in performance with some success.	3-Skilled Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and effectively demonstrate in performance. *The expected level of performance by the end of the student teaching semester.*	4-Exceeding Candidate: The teacher candidate adapts and develops the lesson according to the teaching environment/ student response (**all** descriptors in the skilled candidate (3) column must be met **as well as** at least one descriptor below):
● Provides no evidence of instructions in the lesson plan.	● Plans to provide instructions.	● Conveys instructions to students through verbal **OR** non-verbal cues.	● Conveys clear instructions through verbal **AND** non-verbal cues or other communication strategies; follows up with students not understanding instructions.	● Adjusts communication and interactions to support individual student understanding.
● Provides no evidence of understanding the need to articulate expectations for student communication and interaction.	● Plans to articulate expectations for respectful student communication and interaction.	● Articulates vague expectations to students about respectful communication and interaction.	● Articulates or models expectations for student communication and interaction with respect for diverse backgrounds or differing opinions.	● Encourages students to develop effective speech qualities including volume, tone, and inflection or other effective communication techniques
● Uses volume, tone, inflection, or sightlines that negatively impact lesson delivery.	● Displays self-awareness of the impact of volume, tone, inflection, or sightlines on lesson delivery.	● Uses volume, tone, inflection, or sightlines that periodically impact lesson delivery.	● Ensures volume, tone, inflection, and sightlines positively impact lesson delivery that is sensitive to the diverse needs of students, using resources as necessary.	● Consistently uses and fosters correct, effective verbal and nonverbal communication, including strategies to communicate with students whose first language is not Standard English or whose disability requires specific forms of communication.
● Consistently includes distracting communication errors that interfere with meaning.	● Includes communication errors that interfere with meaning.	● Uses communication that includes errors that do not interfere with meaning.	● Models proper spelling and grammar consistently in written and verbal communication.	
● Provides no evidence of culturally and linguistically appropriate communication, resources, or examples.	● Plans for culturally and linguistically appropriate communication, resources, or examples.	● Uses culturally and linguistically appropriate communication, resources, or examples.	● Intentionally integrates and responds to culturally and linguistically appropriate communication, resources, or examples based on audience and context.	

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Standard 7

Standard 7: Student Assessment and Data Analysis. The teacher candidate understands and uses formative and summative assessment strategies to assess the learner's progress and uses both classroom and standardized assessment data to plan ongoing instruction.				
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● Provides no evidence of data from assessments to monitor the progress of students.	● Articulates the importance of collecting assessment data.	● Uses formative and/or summative assessment data to monitor the progress of the class as a whole.	● Uses formative and/or summative assessment data to effectively monitor the progress of individual students and the class as a whole.	● Analyzes trend data to respond instructionally, resulting in a positive impact on student learning.
● Provides no awareness that formative assessments are needed to guide future instruction.	● Articulates the need to use formative assessment strategies to gather data on student understanding to guide future instruction.	● Uses some formative assessment strategies to partially gather data on student understanding and sporadically implements adjustments to plan future instruction.	● Uses formative assessment strategies to effectively gather data about student understanding and uses it to plan future instruction.	● Uses multiple assessments to accurately monitor, analyze, and triangulate the progress of each student and the class as a whole. ● Supports students in creating and articulating progress toward goals.
● Provides no evidence of an understanding of maintaining student assessment records.	● Articulates a process for maintaining student assessment records.	● Confidentially maintains student assessment records, though processes are inconsistent.	● Maintains student assessment records consistently and confidentially.	● Uses formative assessment strategies to adjust mid-lesson instruction.

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Standard 8

Standard 8: Professionalism. The teacher candidate is a reflective practitioner who continually assesses the effects of choices and actions on others. The teacher candidate actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally in order to improve learning for all students.				
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• Provides no evidence of reflection on the lesson.	• Reflects on the lesson when prompted by the evaluator.	• Independently reflects on aspects of the lesson.	• Reflects on the effectiveness of a lesson based on student learning and engagement.	• Demonstrates commitment to the learning of the entire school, grade level, or data team, such as providing resources or activities, collaborating with colleagues on curriculum, etc.
• Provides no evidence of acceptance of feedback provided by the evaluator.	• Accepts feedback but does not use feedback to adjust and improve practice.	• Accepts and uses feedback inconsistently to adjust and improve practice.	• Accepts and uses feedback consistently to adjust and improve practice.	• Actively participates in a professional organization to improve practice.
• Provides no evidence of recognition of own weaknesses even when prompted.	• Acknowledges weaknesses when prompted, but does not improve professional conduct.	• Monitors and adjusts professional conduct when prompted.	• Monitors and adjusts professional conduct through self-assessment.	• Identifies areas of growth and seeks out opportunities to strengthen professional knowledge, e.g., webinars, books, professional development opportunities, professors, etc.
• Provides no acknowledgment of the importance of professional development.	• Acknowledges the importance of professional development, but does not attend.	• Attends approved professional development.	• Uses techniques or strategies introduced in approved professional development to improve student learning.	

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Standard 9

Standard 9: Professional Collaboration. The teacher candidate has effective working relationships with students, families, school colleagues, and community members.				
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• Provides no evidence of understanding the importance of professional collaboration with colleagues.	• Recognizes the importance of professional collaboration with colleagues.	• Participates in professional collaboration with colleagues.	• Prepares for and fully engages in professional collaboration with colleagues to enhance student learning.	• Volunteers to be a member of a school-wide committee. • Collaborates with outside community members for the benefit of students.
• Provides no evidence of understanding the importance of building relationships.	• Recognizes the importance of building relationships with students, colleagues, and families.	• Builds and maintains appropriate relationships with a limited number of students, colleagues, and families.	• Builds, maintains, and seeks out positive, appropriate relationships with students, colleagues, and families to support student success.	• Actively participates in school or district events to build a broader network of collaboration.

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